



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-028

#### LOCAL COMMUNITY WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTING CANCELLED FEDERAL AIR TANKER CONTRACTS

**WHEREAS**, conditions for large uncontrolled wildfires in the State of New Mexico are severe; and,

**WHEREAS**, recent rulings and decisions of the National Transportation Safety Board, United States Department of Agriculture, and Department of the Interior have resulted in the canceling of contracts with large multi-engine air tankers used in the suppression and control of wildfires resulting in the effective grounding of these aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, additional aviation assets are needed for initial attack suppression efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, additional resources beyond those historically used may be needed in the effort to suppress wildfires in the State; and,

**WHEREAS**, in situations where resources of the State of New Mexico, including the New Mexico National Guard are needed in support of civil emergencies and disasters, such support must be immediately deployable;

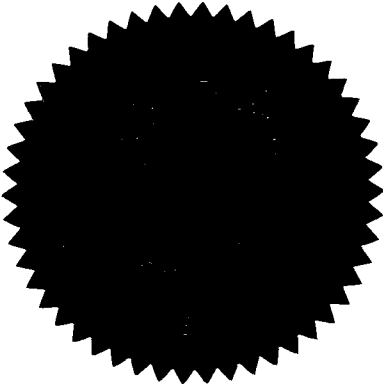
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, BILL RICHARDSON, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard that are or may be necessary to provide support to civilian authorities in any county in the State of New Mexico in response to civil emergencies, disasters, or wildfire suppression efforts. This action is pursuant to and in accord with Sections 20-01-6, 20-02-3A, and 20-04-3A of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978, as amended. I hereby direct that funding for these efforts be drawn from the \$250,000 allocation for this purpose authorized under Executive Order 2004-009.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** the Department of Finance and Administration to provide emergency financial resources in the amount of \$750,000 to the Department of Public Safety. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety is directed to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or his Authorized Representative pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 6-7-1 through 6-7-3 as amended, and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be requested by the Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety in coordination of response efforts.

ATTEST:

  
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR